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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: KOREA

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1. CANADIAN EMBASSY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS LATE LAST WEEK TO CON-
VENE CORE GROUP TO DISCUSS DESIRABILITY OF JOINT DEMARCHE ON
KOREA. GROUP MET MORNING AUGUST 2 AND AGREED THAT JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR MIYAZAKI, WHO HAD APPOINTMENT LATER IN MORNING WITH
DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY (ADJALI),
WOULD MAKE DEMARCHE ON BEHALF OF GROUP.

2. MIYAZAKI HAS CALLED TO REPORT THAT HE MADE DEMARCHE RE-
AFFIRMING GROUP'S SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLE SET FORTH IN MAY
TALKING POINTS (STATE 098185) AND FOR SECRETARY'S JULY 22
SPEECH. ABJALI REPLIED:

(A) HE DID NOT THINK SECRETARY'S SPEECH WAS VERY
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REALISTIC. IF WE REALLY WANTED A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION, WE HAD TO GET PRIOR CONSENT FROM PARTIES CONCERNED. OTHERWISE WE RISKED CREATING IMPRESSION PROPOSAL WAS PROPAGANDA PLOY.

(B) ALGERIANS DID NOT LIKE TO SEE BIG POWERS MONOPOLIZING SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, WHETHER IN FAR EAST OR NEAR EAST. WHY WERE CHINESE INCLUDED? MIYAZAKI SAID HE DID NOT HAVE OFFICIAL EXPLANATION, BUT IMAGINED IT WAS BECAUSE OF CHINA'S COMMON FRONTIER WITH KOREA AND ITS ROLE IN KOREAN WAR.

3. MIYAZAKI THEN POINTED OUT THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD BEEN REFUSING TO SIT DOWN AND TALK WITH SOUTH KOREANS AND ASKED WHETHER ALGERIANS COULD NOT USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO GET THEM TO DO SO. ADJALI SAID ALGERIANS WANTED TO SEE NO DISPUTES ANYWHERE, BUT THEY DID NOT THINK SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL PROVIDED A GOOD FORMAT. (NOT CLEAR FROM MIYAZAKI'S ACCOUNT WHETHER ADJALI DODGING QUESTION OR DID NOT UNDERSTAND IT.

4. ON JULY 30 MOHAMED ABERKANE (DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS) TOLD ME THAT HE HAD SEEN AN ACCOUNT OF MY CONVERSATION OF JULY 26 WITH BENHABYLES ON SUBJECT. HE SAID WE WERE NOT GIVING ALGERIANS ENOUGH CREDIT FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT IN BRINGING NORTH KOREA INTO NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. GIVEN PAST NORTH KOREAN POLICIES, THIS HAD TAKEN CONSIDERABLE DOING. HE COULD ASSURE ME IN ANY EVENT THAT ALGERIANS WOULD NOT BE RIDING ANY NORTH KOREAN HORSES AT COLOMBO. KIM IL SUNG WAS COMING WITH A BOATLOAD OF PEOPLE AND NORTH KOREA WOULD BE DOING ITS OWN LOBBYING. HE SAID NORTH KOREANS WERE NOT USED TO INTER-NATIONAL CONFERENCES AND REALLY DID NOT KNOW HOW TO BEHAVE. THEY RELIED A GREAT DEAL ON ALGERIAN ADVICE. I SAID ALGERIANS SHOULD TELL THEM SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL TO HOLD QUADRAPARTITE CONFERENCE WAS SERIOUS AND SINCERE OFFER WHICH KOREANS SHOULD ACCEPT. I REALIZED THEY HAD ALREADY REJECTED IT, BUT THEY WERE MAKING SERIOUS ERROR IN DOING SO.

5. COMMENT: WHILE WE DO NOT EXPECT ALGERIANS TO ABANDON THEIR SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREANS, BELIEVE ABERKANE'S COMMENTS INDICATE JOINT AND BILATERAL DEMARCHES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVIN SOME IMPACT ON THEM. THEY ARE REACTING DEFENSIVELY AND WILL BE WARY ABOUT PICKING UP CUDGELS FOR KIM IL SUNG. PARKER

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